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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

SHERRIE E. BURKES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COMMISSIONER SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

2:12-cv -01185-MMD-VCF

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

[Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (#9)]

13 Before the Court is Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (#9).

14 **Background:**

15 On July 5, 2012, Plaintiff filed the Motion/Application for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis
16 (#1). On July 26, 2012, the Court granted Plaintiff's Motion/Application for Leave to Proceed in forma
17 pauperis and the Complaint (#5) was filed. On October 22, 2012, Defendant filed the Motion to Dismiss
18 (#9). On May 20, 2013, it was ordered that Plaintiff had until June 4, 2013 to file an Opposition to
19 Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (#13). Plaintiff filed her Motion to Extend Time to File Opposition on
20 June 3, 2013. (#14). On June 10, 2013, the Court granted Plaintiff's Motion to Extend Time to File
21 Opposition, extending the response deadline to July 5, 2013. (#15). To date, no opposition has been
22 filed.

23 **Defendant's Motion to Dismiss:**

24 Defendant seeks to dismiss Plaintiff's complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief can
25 be granted. (#9). Defendant asserts that on January 12, 2011, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)

1 issued a hearing decision denying Plaintiff's claim for a period of disability and disability insurance
2 benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. §423, and supplemental security
3 income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Act, 42 U.S.C. §1382, and mailed a copy of that decision to
4 Plaintiff. Plaintiff filed a request for review of the ALJ's decision, and, on April 27, 2012, the Appeals
5 Council denied Plaintiff's request for review making the ALJ's decision the final decision of the
6 Commissioner. Plaintiff was mailed notice of the Appeals Council's action on April 27, 2012 and was
7 given further notice of her right to commence a civil action within 60 days from the date of receipt of the
8 notice. Plaintiff filed her lawsuit on July 5, 2012, 68 days after Plaintiff was mailed the Appeal's
9 Council notice. There is no record of any request for an extension of time to file a civil action. *Id.*

10 Defendant argues that this matter should be dismissed because (1) it was untimely filed and (2) is
11 barred by the statute of limitations. Defendant asserts that the only civil action permitted on any claim
12 arising under Title II or Title XVI is an action to review the "final decision of the Commissioner made
13 after a hearing" and that such action must be "commenced within sixty days after the mailing to [the
14 party bringing the action] of notice of such decision or within such further time as the Commissioner
15 may allow." The Commissioner's regulations define "mailing" as the date the individual receives the
16 Appeals Council's notice of denial of request for review. See 20 C.F.R. § 422.210(c); see also 20C.F.R.
17 §§ 404.981, 416.1481. The date of receipt is presumed to be five days after the date of such notice,
18 unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary made to the Appeals Council. See 20 C.F.R. §§
19 404.901, 416.1401, 422.210(c). *Id.*

20 **Analysis:**

21 Plaintiff filed a motion to extend the time to file an opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss
22 on June 6, 2013. (#14). The Court granted the motion and the opposition was due on or before July 5,
23 2013. (#15). To date, Plaintiff has not filed an opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. Pursuant
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1 to LR 7-2 (d), “[t]he failure of an opposing party to file points and authorities in response to any motions
2 shall constitute a consent to the granting of the motion.”


3 **RECOMMENDATION**

4 Because Plaintiff failed to file an opposition to Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss, and good cause
5 appearing that Plaintiff’s Complaint was untimely and is barred by the statute of limitations, the
6 undersigned U. S. Magistrate Judge recommends that Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss (#9) be
7 GRANTED.

8 **NOTICE**

9 Pursuant to Local Rule IB 3-2, any objection to this Finding and Recommendation must be in
10 writing and filed with the Clerk of the Court within fourteen (14) days. The Supreme Court has held
11 that the courts of appeal may determine that an appeal has been waived due to the failure to file
12 objections within the specified time. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 142 (1985). This circuit has also
13 held that (1) failure to file objections within the specified time and (2) failure to properly address and
14 brief the objectionable issues waives the right to appeal the District Court’s order and/or appeal factual
15 issues from the order of the District Court. *Martinez v. Ylst*, 951 F.2d 1153, 1157 (9th Cir. 1991); *Britt*
16 *v. Simi Valley United Sch. Dist.*, 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983).

17 DATED this 5th day of September, 2013.

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19 CAM FERENBACH
20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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